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- To: **DMAP DMEPOS Providers**
- From: Jean Phillips, Interim Deputy Administrator
- Subject: Rate Reductions for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS)

Effective: November 1, 2007

Effective November 1, 2007, the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) will implement the fee-for-service DMEPOS fee schedule reductions to 83.1% of the January 2006 Medicare fee schedule. The reduction is a result of action taken during the 2007 Legislative session in establishing the budget for the 2007/2009 biennium. No changes have been made to eligibility for or coverage of DMEPOS services for clients and OHP managed care plan capitation rates are not affected and have not been reduced.

Not all DMEPOS fee-for-service rates are being reduced. Rates for DMEPOS that are not generally covered by Medicare, but are covered by the Oregon Health Plan (OHP), will not be reduced. This includes items such as incontinence supplies and toileting/bath supplies.

The Division of Medical Assistance Programs is committed to ensuring that OHP clients have access to necessary DMEPOS services. We hope that you will continue to be a part of providing these services to clients in need. Please be aware that cost-of-living increases will be implemented for providers in January 2008 and January 2009.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact our DMEPOS Policy Analyst at Rosanne.M.Harksen@state.or.us or Policy Unit Manager at Sharon.K.Hill@state.or.us.



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